

Whispering Pines Pool & Water Playground

The Whispering Pines Park pool is a 25 meter heated aquatic complex, with a 10 foot dive well & toddler pool. The pool is open seasonally, offering swimming lessons & recreational swim programs throughout the summer. Daily admission or a variety of seasonal pool passes are available. During swimming season, dial 726-1995, else 726-3913.



Only yards from the children's playground & picnic pavilion, you will discover "Puddle in the Pines", a water playground. Open seasonally from 9:00am to Dusk when average daily temperatures are above 70 degrees, it features zero depth play area with fun spray features.

Classes & Programs

Aquatic classes and programs are held at the Whispering Pines Park pool and the athletic areas are home to little league, youth football & adult softball leagues, as well as tennis classes & camps. Classes accustomed to inside conditions are held at the Recreation Building, such as quilting, scrapbooking, genealogy and more.

The Recreation Building also accommodates meetings of Garden Clubs, TOPS weight club, Parliamentarians, Bridge and Water Color Club.

For safety reasons, alcohol is not permitted in any City park.

Animals in the Park

For everyone's safety, domestic animals are only allowed on the perimeter trail at Whispering Pines Park. Dog owners should come equipped with their pet on a six foot leash and be prepared to properly dispose of pet waste. Exceptions include service animals and those authorized for special events. You might think your pet is different because it is well behaved. Other visitors might not agree, due to health, small children or just plain fear. And then there's the regular inhabitants of the park, wild animals native to the area, who protect their domain and see your pet as invading. Don't take a chance with your pet, use the perimeter trail.

Reservable Facilities

First come/first serve is the rule for most facilities, but those hosting larger parties or events may wish to consider reserving specific amenities for a fee.

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Covered pavilion with fireplace accommodates approximately 100 guests. You can reserve all or half of the pavilion. Picnic tables & grills provided.

Swimming Pool for pool parties

Water Playground for birthday parties

Green Shade Structure near the playground accommodates around 30 guests.

Recreation Building handles up to 75 people, with tables & chairs provided.

Youth Camp area

Liberty Park

Pavilions, each accommodating 30 guests.

Gazebo, great for weddings or award events.

Volleyball court(s)

Wallace Brooks Park

Picnic tables & grill cluster

For availability, rental fees and reservations dial 726-3913.



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The City of Inverness takes pride in providing recreational areas where general admission, parking and use of most facilities are free of charge.

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Park Locations & Amenities

Whispering Pines Park, 1700 Forest Drive is 290 acres of nature's best, including a swimming pool complex, picnic areas & pavilions, recreation building, walking, jogging, biking trails, athletic courts & fields, youth camp area and butterfly garden.

Wallace Brooks Park, located at the end of Dampier Street, offers a fishing pier, playground, picnic tables, grills, restrooms and shuffleboard courts, as well as easy access to the Withlacoochee State Trail.

Liberty Trail, a boardwalk with overlooks on Lake Henderson, connecting Wallace Brooks & Liberty Parks.

Liberty Park, 286 N. Apopka Ave, offers scenic views of Lake Henderson, picnic tables, grills, pavilions, gazebo and sand volleyball courts.

Cooter Pond Park is on State Road 41/44 & MLK Jr. Blvd., offering picnic tables, a boardwalk with overlooks and gazebo.

44 E. Boat Ramp & Wayside Park is on Highway 44 East and includes two boat ramps, parking area for vehicles and boat trailers, plus picnic tables & grills.

North Apopka Boat Ramp, located at the end of N. Apopka Ave. offers picnic tables and roadside parking for vehicles.

Bryant Park is bordered by Poinsettia, Tuttle and Hiawatha streets with playground, picnic tables & benches.

White Lake Park is off of Twin Lakes Drive, with a basketball half court, picnic table and bench.

Mossy Oak Park is on Mossy Oak Drive, with a waterfront exposure, picnic tables, grills & benches.

Hillcrest Park, located on the corner of Huntington Lodge Drive, has waterfront view with picnic tables, benches & grills.

FREE Fun Ideas

Whispering Pines Park

- Stroll on 1 of 5 **walking & jogging** trails
- Leash up Fido, grab the pooper scooper & enjoy a best friend walk on the perimeter trail.
- Plan a **picnic**; grills and tables await you.
- Bring the kids and enjoy the **playground**.
- Try a game of **disc golf**. Bring your own discs or obtain a set to use from the Administration or Pool office during regular business hours.
- Cycle over & enjoy the **mountain bike trail**.
- **Tennis, racquetball & basketball** courts with lighting for evening play.
- Puddle in the Pines **water playground** open seasonally from 9am-dusk.
- **Athletic fields** for softball, kickball, flag football, etc. (First come/first serve, or call to reserve).
- If Leagues aren't playing, **baseball** and **softball fields** can be reserved by dialing 726-3913.



Liberty Park

- Experience a sunrise or sunset with Lake Henderson as your background.
- Enjoy a lunch out, **picnic** tables & grills are available.
- **Walk, bike** or **skate** the Withlacoochee trail.
- Serve up some **sand volleyball**.
- Stroll the **boardwalk** & enjoy the **overlooks** along Liberty Trail.

Wallace Brooks Park

- Grab a pole & try your luck on the **fishing pier**.
- Kids can enjoy the **playground** as you prepare a **picnic** lunch.
- Bring your shuffling sticks & try your luck at **shuffleboard** (No sticks? No problem. Call 726-2321 weekdays to reserve a set of sticks for FREE.)
- Bring a book & enjoy a lazy day on the **lake-front**.
- Fit in a work-out at the **Fitness Stations** across from the park entry.



Cooter Pond Park

- Stroll the **boardwalk**, seeing and reading about local wildlife.
- **Fish** from one of the many overlooks.
- Enjoy **Cooter Pond fountain**.
- **Picnic** lunches are popular.
- Extend your walk and enjoy a stroll thru downtown, just one block away.

Boat Ramps

- **Canoe & kayak** Cooter Pond via a launch off Mill St.
- **Kayak, canoe** or small motorized boats find the ramp at the end of N. Apopka most convenient for launching.
- Larger **boats** & trailers can be accommodated at the boat ramp on Hwy 44E. Make a day of it and pack a picnic lunch.